



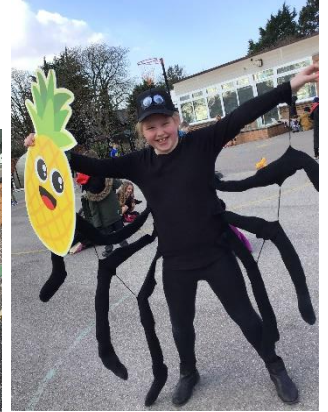
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Newsletter 21- 10th March 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

World Book Day celebrations:

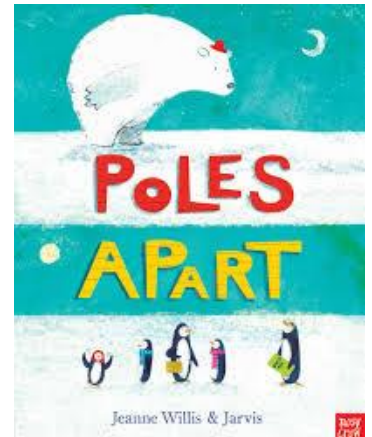
What a wonderful day! Thank you to all our parents for supporting the children with their costumes for World Book day. All the children really did look wonderful.



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we all joined together as a whole school to share '**Poles Apart.**' This was part of the World Book day campaign for sharing a million stories together. Through the reading of the book, the children were transported to a different country and worked crafting their own penguin or polar bear design based on all the different countries in the story. We are going to be making a whole school display to showcase some of the excellent creative work from the day in the school hall.

Sponsored Read:

Liz from Usborne books came to our assembly on Friday to launch the sponsored read event. This event supports everything that we are doing in school to try and develop a genuine love of reading with our children. Your child should have come home with a sponsorship form on Friday along with a letter from the PTA about the event.



By participating in the sponsored read, it will enable us to buy some new non-fiction books for our library as well as some new guided reading books and independent reading books which are very much needed in school. Depending on the amount we raise through the sponsored read, Usborne will give us 60% more towards books for our school.

In order to take part in the sponsored read, the children need to read each day for the next week. The recommended time is 30 minutes but this can be entirely adapted to meet each child's needs and some children will want to read for a longer or shorter period of time.

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Coronavirus:

School is following Public Health England advice in relation to coronavirus. We are receiving regular daily updates. All children in school have been shown how to wash their hands correctly and you may be hearing them sing 'Happy birthday' to themselves twice whilst doing this. We will continue to follow all Department for Education and Public Health advice and will keep parents updated as necessary.



Federation Spelling Bee Quiz- Year 6

Well done to our two Year 6 super spellers who took part in the federation quiz on Thursday afternoon. Both children performed superbly tackling some incredibly difficult words. Both children faced each other in the final and came back to school with a £100.00 prize. The children are currently considering what they would like to spend their £100.00 on for the school.

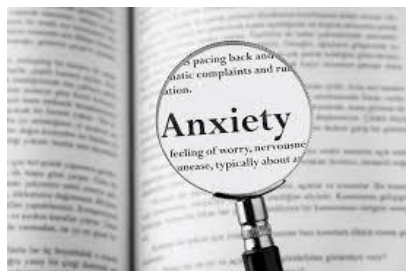
Federation Quiz – Year 6

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who took part in the Y6 Federation quiz at Thingwall primary School yesterday. We entered two teams. One team came joint first with Heswall Primary School and the other team came in third position only losing out by one mark! A superb effort and they definitely faced some challenging questions- demonstrating excellent subject knowledge.

New member of staff:

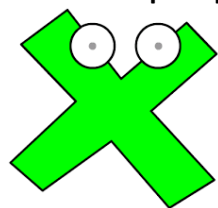
I am delighted to announce that Mrs Oomen will be joining our staff team as our new HLTA who will be responsible for teaching Y3 & 4 PPA and Y1 & 2 PPA. She will be starting this week and has already spent two days in school last week getting to know the children who she will be teaching. We are very much looking forward to Mrs Oomen joining our staff team.

Reminder: Anxiety & Stress Workshop



Thank you to the parents who have booked on to this session by contacting the school office. This session is now full as we are expecting another 20 people from other Wirral schools. We look forward to seeing the parents who have booked onto the session on **Friday 13th March at 9:10am.**

Y4 workshop for parents- Multiplication tables check



All Year 4 children for the first time will have to sit a times table multiplication test. This will take place over a three week window in June commencing week beginning 8th June 2020. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

We would like to invite all Y4 parents to a workshop for parents regarding the multiplication check so that you can see what will be expected of your child and ideas for supporting them at home with preparing for this check.

The workshop will take place on **Wednesday 1st April at 9:05am.**

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Year 6 SAT Information Workshops

Many thanks to all the parents who have attended our two SAT information sessions for parents. We hope that you have found them useful in preparing your child for the SAT tests. We have uploaded the powerpoint from the session to the Y6 curriculum tab on the website and have also sent it home via email. The mathematics revision materials are also now on the website. These can be found under the pupil tab and then Year 6 Revision. Some of the materials require use of a password; this has been sent home via email as we are not allowed to upload it to our website.

ITV Granada Reports:

It was a wonderful experience to welcome Nisha Katona (celebrity chef), Victoria Grimes (Granada Reports Presenter) and other crew members from Granada Reports. We have received an email thanking us for our involvement, even the presenters (Lucy Meacock and Andy Bonner) couldn't believe how fantastic the children were and the producer said it was the best one they have ever done! This was due to our children being so engaged with the process and confident to speak on camera in such a compelling way and all with bags of personality. We also wanted to say a very special thank you to Sue, our school cook, who was very passionate about the importance of children eating vegetables and we know on a daily basis that she really does try and encourage the children to eat as many vegetables as possible.



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Date	Event
Tuesday 10 th March 2020	Y1 Class assembly at 2:40pm- 3:10pm – parents welcome
Wednesday 11 th March 2020	Sports Hall Athletics- Gayton Vs Oxtown St Saviours (Y5 & 6)
Thursday 12 th March 2020	Futsal competition
Thursday 12 th March 2020	Cross Country at Birkenhead Park at 4:15pm
Friday 13 th March 2020	A parents' workshop; Dealing with stress and anxiety in primary school pupils 9:10am- 10:10am.
Wednesday 18 th March- Friday 20 th March	Y5 Residential to Robinwood Centre.
Tuesday 24 th March 2020	Full Governors' meeting @6:00pm.
Tuesday 24 th March 2020	Quicksticks hockey event 3:45pm- 6:00pm.
Thursday 26 th March 2020	Year 3 class assembly 2:40pm-3:15pm – parents welcome
Thursday 26 th March 2020	Relay race- cross country at 4:15pm
Monday 30 th March 2020	PTA -Bunny Bingo at 6:00pm- 7:15pm- tickets via Parent Pay
Wednesday 1 st April 2020	Multiplication Check workshop for Y4 parents at 9:05am
Wednesday 1 st April 2020	Sports Hall Athletics- Gayton Vs Oxtown St Saviours (Y3 & 4)
Thursday 2 nd April 2020	Y4 class assembly 2:40pm-3:10pm- parents welcome
Thursday 2 nd April 2020	Easter Egg Hunt- 3:20pm-4:30pm – tickets via Parent Pay
Friday 3 rd April 2020	Break up today for Spring break at 2:30pm.
SPRING BREAK	
Monday 20 th April 2020- Tuesday 21 st April 2020	Children return to school following the Spring break.
Monday 20 th April 2020	Y4 Barnstondale Residential for one night.
Tuesday 5 th May 2020	Governors' meeting at 6pm
Thursday 7 th May 2020	INSET Day – School closed to pupils.
Friday 8 th May 2020	Bank Holiday- School not open today.
Monday 11 th May- Thursday 14 th May	KS2 SAT week- Y6.
Friday 22 nd May 2020	Break up today for summer half term holiday
Thursday 4 th June 2020	Litter Clean up day
Monday 8 th June- Friday 12 th June 2020	Y1 Phonics screening & Y2 Phonics Re-Screening
Tuesday 16 th June 2020	F2 class assembly @9:00am.
Friday 19 th June 2020	Non-school uniform day in return for donations for the summer fair.
Friday 26 th June 2020	Summer Fair @ 3:30pm- 6:00pm.

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